

NATIONAL MUSEUM ANNUAL VOLUMES OF GREAT INTEREST

Much New - Information
Presented in Report of
Proceedings.

New information of great interest to the scientific world on animals, plants, rocks, and minerals, as well as on native tribes of mankind in all parts of the world, is contained in the National Museum's annual volume of its proceedings.

Not only are the facts new, but they present shadowings of the dim yet fascinating borderland of partial knowledge, truths suspected but not yet demonstrated, the guesses of today which may be established facts tomorrow.

The mammals collected by Dr. W. L. Abbott in Borneo and the neighboring islands are described by Dr. Marcus W. Lyon, Jr., who writes as well on the country, its inhabitants, life, and so forth. Dr. Abbott is one of those wonderful Americans who spend their lives in the tropical wilds of the Old World, and know more about the jungle than the natives themselves.

The article contains an interesting account of how the sun bears of the Tandong Pamukang country destroy the palm trees by climbing to the top and eating out the "heart" of the palm.

Hunting By Dyaks.
The Dyaks of southwestern Borneo hunt nearly all the game in the vicinity of their settlements with spears, except in the case of the orang-outangs, which is hunted with guns. It seems that these wild people are fond of the meat of the orang, and consequently those animals are very scarce in the neighborhood of Dyak camps.

N. Hollister, assistant curator, division of mammals, United States National Museum, also has a mammal paper on the long-tailed shrews of the eastern United States, with descriptions of new species. For the benefit of the unlightened it might be remarked that the shrew is one of the smaller insectivores, resembling closely in appearance its first cousin, the mole. In fact one finds that to this little animal there is a superstitious attribution of a malediction due to its bite or even contact, and one so affected is said to be shrewstruck. Nowadays we know better and see in the shrew only a tiny molelike creature which feeds on insects, worms, mollusks, and the like.

When Hoffman Phillips was minister to Abyssinia and lived at the capital of King Menelik, he got together a remarkable collection of writings, utensils, ornaments, art objects, costumes, etc., of the Abyssinians which later came into the possession of the National Museum.

As this is probably the first collection of this kind brought to America, the well-illustrated description of it by Dr. Walter Hough is interesting.

Papers on Entomology.
Several articles of interest come under entomology, the scientific study of insects. One on the collection of bees of the National Museum, by T. D. A. Cockerell, of the University of Chicago, deals with the study of the Asiatic bees collected by Dr. W. L. Abbott, and forms the second paper in a series being prepared by Dr. Cockerell.

Dr. George P. Merrill, head curator of geology of the National Museum, discussed the supposed origin of some extraordinary masses of natural glass, called moldavites. These strange glassy pebbles are about the size and shape of walnuts and the color of dark green bottle glass, but resemble pieces of lava strangely marked and etched. Whether they came from volcanoes or fell down from the sky is a question no one can answer at present. While this subject is not exactly new, Dr. Merrill is the first in this country to write upon it.

On the subject of fish, there are several articles, including one by Hugh H. Smith and Lewis Radcliffe, both of the Bureau of Fisheries. The volume also contains other articles on fishes, birds, insects, crustaceans, shells, etc. These are chiefly technical, and describe new forms in the collections of the National Museum.

WAR SCARES COME AS NAVY BILLS ARE READY TO BE DRAWN

Congressman Complains of
Situation at Time of Ap-
propriating Funds.

"You can always rely on it to happen," grumbled an old member of Congress. "Always about this time of year, when the navy appropriation bill is to be made up, something in the nature of a war scare is sure to bob up. Of course, I am not naming names, and am not reflecting on anybody, but—"

Here the member aforesaid caught a downtown street car and betook himself away from the Capitol. Inquiry, however, developed the fact that he is by no means the only member of Congress who has been struck with the strange coincidence between the looming up of scares with respect to our foreign relations and the necessity of passing the naval bill with ample provision for big battleships.

Different Nations Used.
It used to be Germany that was conjured up as the foe of the United States, waiting in leash for a chance to pounce on poor old unsuspecting Uncle Sam and drag him in the dust. They along came the trouble with Japan. That did duty for several years. This year the indications are that strained relations with Russia will be offered as the all-prevailing reason why the United States should have a big naval program.

Of course, nobody really suspects there is going to be anything more than angry words exchanged between this country and Russia. But the aggressive boosters for a big navy in and out of Congress do not protect a thing like that to interfere with their program. They insist that war might eventuate, and in that case this country ought to be ready.

Army Profits Aho.
The army, too, does not suffer by reason of these annual war scares. The supporters of a big army do not generally get credited so freely with stirring up war talk as the navy propagandists do. But the army is quite as apt to profit by them as the navy. Last year, for a new trial in the case of Richard W. Alnutt, convicted a few days ago of second degree murder for killing his sister, Mrs. Valeria W. Belra, at Dawsonville, last March. Should the motion be overruled, it is understood Alnutt immediately will be sentenced.

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EDUCATORS CONFER WITH MONTGOMERY COUNTY TEACHERS

Annual Meeting Held in
Rockville Court Room
Well Attended.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the Montgomery County Public School Teachers' Association was held in the circuit court room here yesterday.

Prof. Earle B. Wood, county superintendent of schools, presided and addressed the gathering. Others who spoke were Prof. T. B. Symons, of the Maryland Agricultural College; Prof. Charles G. Myers, of the Rockville High School; Prof. Thomas W. Troxall, of the Gaithersburg High School; Prof. Wilson, J. S. Ward, Miss Frances Horner, Miss Mary Brewer, Miss Edith Ford, Miss Hattie J. Montgomery, Miss Hannah Jones, and Miss Lena Barwick.

Vocal selections were given by W. H. Peter, Graham Watson, and J. T. Jones, of Baltimore. More than one hundred teachers were present.

Miss Chloe Thompson, of Barnesville, and Richard H. Bennett, of Germantown, were married in Rockville yesterday by the Rev. J. H. White, of the Baptist Church, the ceremony taking place at the residence of the minister.

The marriage of Miss Emily Poole Darby, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Remus R. Darby, of Buck Lodge, and William Clinton Brown, of Barnesville, will take place at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the Baptist Church, at Barnesville.

The annual Christmas ball of the young men of Gaithersburg and vicinity will be held in Masonic Hall, Gaithersburg, Christmas night. Several hundred invitations have been issued and elaborate arrangements made. J. Frank Traxare is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

The circuit court reconvenes here tomorrow to resume the trial of criminal cases. Among the first matters to be disposed of, it is thought, is the motion for a new trial in the case of Richard W. Alnutt, convicted a few days ago of second degree murder for killing his sister, Mrs. Valeria W. Belra, at Dawsonville, last March. Should the motion be overruled, it is understood Alnutt immediately will be sentenced.

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GOMPERS ACCUSES POST OF SEEKING CHEAP ADVERTISING

Declares He Will Have
Nothing to Do With A. F.
of L. Defamer.

Branding the telegram from Charles W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., offering \$25,000 to forward a movement for a new national labor organization, "as an attempt to get some cheap advertising," Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said today it was useless to "take up one's time with a fake and a crank." Mr. Gompers closed his expression of opinion regarding Post by saying the Battle Creek gentleman "had better save his money for another \$25,000 libel suit."

Post's telegram to Mr. Gompers stated he would contribute a quarter of a million dollars toward a labor organization that would be free from "strikes, slugging, picketing, tyranny, fines, dynamiting, and murder." The message also was calculated to rouse the ire of the president of the federation by the following paragraph:

"Belonging to the American Federation of Labor are hundreds of thousands of self-respecting and law-abiding workmen, who are members under pressure, and who deplore the tactics you and your associates have employed and forced upon them. They want steady employment fifty or sixty weeks in the year, and do not relish being forced by strikes into idleness pending the negotiations between crooked labor leaders, seeking bribes, and crooked employers, who hire said leaders to call strikes on competitive jobs, thus keeping the workmen idle while the chiefs scrap for control of bribe money."

President Gompers indicated clearly that he would have nothing to do with Post, whose telegram was not calculated to conciliate the much-battered labor leader.

World's Business Men To Attend Boston Meet

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 17.—The largest gathering of men representing big business and finance is to take place in Boston on the occasion of the fifth international congress of chambers of commerce and industrial and commercial associations.

This congress, which will begin its sessions on the last Tuesday of September, 1912, will be attended by representatives of the governments of at least twenty-five civilized nations, as well as by delegations from chambers of commerce in all the great cities and trade centers of the world.

Not only will the European countries be represented to the extent of from 400 to 500 men, but there will also be delegations from South American countries and from China and Japan.

Naturalist Addresses University Club

Knos A. Wells, of Estes Park, Colo., the naturalist, entertained the members of the University Club last night by telling them stories of animal life. The speaker said there is not a wild animal in America that will attack a person until after it has been attacked.

"Wrestling" With Wife Not "Friendly" Bout

While he was having a "friendly wrestling match" with his wife in his home, at the rear of 1011 T street northwest, Louis Jackson fell against a bed-

post and lacerated his scalp. He was taken to Freedmen's Hospital, where his wound was treated. The wife did not consider the punishment sufficient, so she informed the police that the tussle wasn't altogether friendly. As a result both husband and wife are charged with disorderly conduct at the Eighth precinct station.

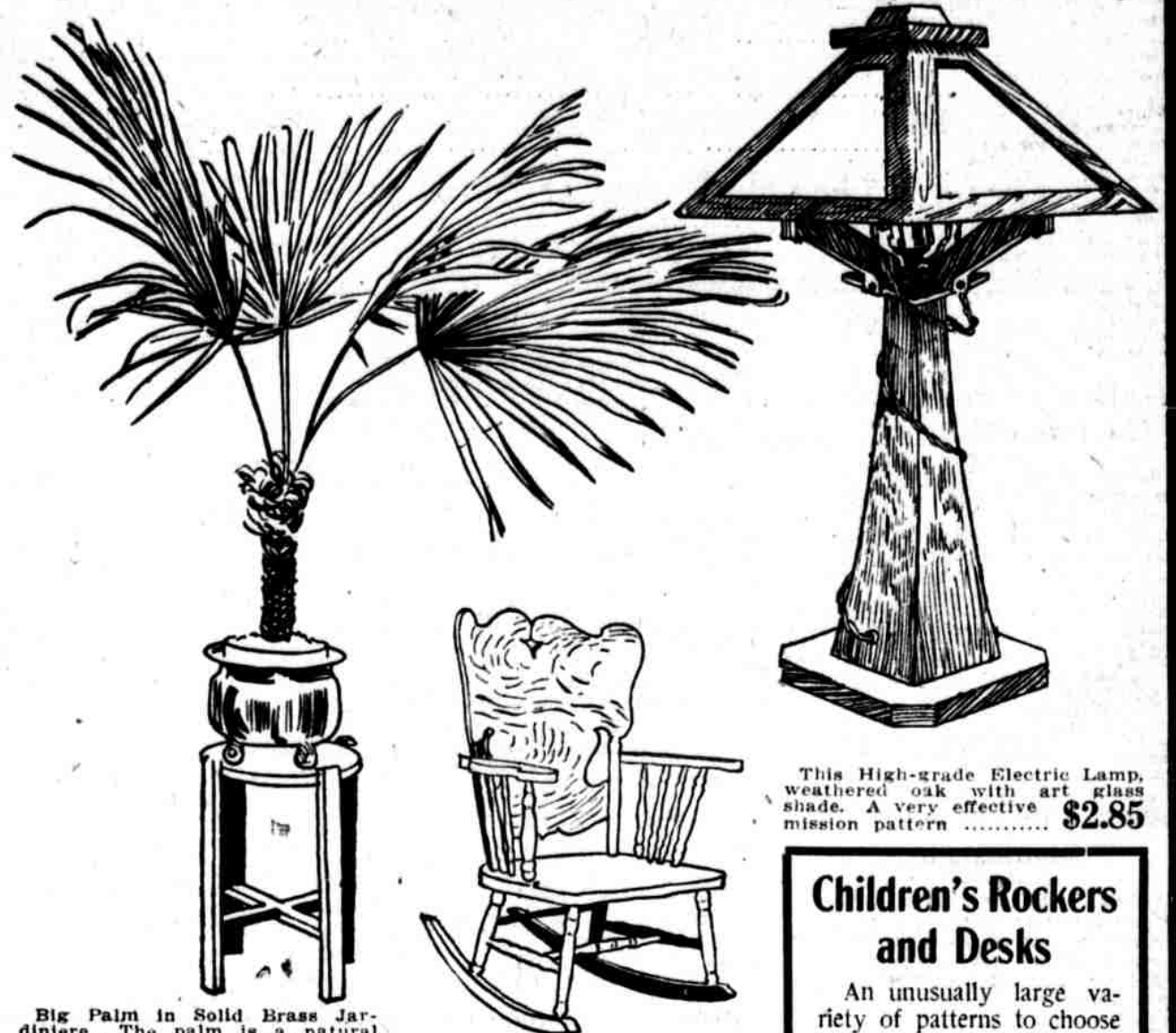
New Club in Business.

The Daniel Webster Club is the name chosen by the newly organized debaters of Business High School. The club met Friday afternoon and discussed compulsory enlistment in high school cadets and also debated the recognition of American passports in Russia.

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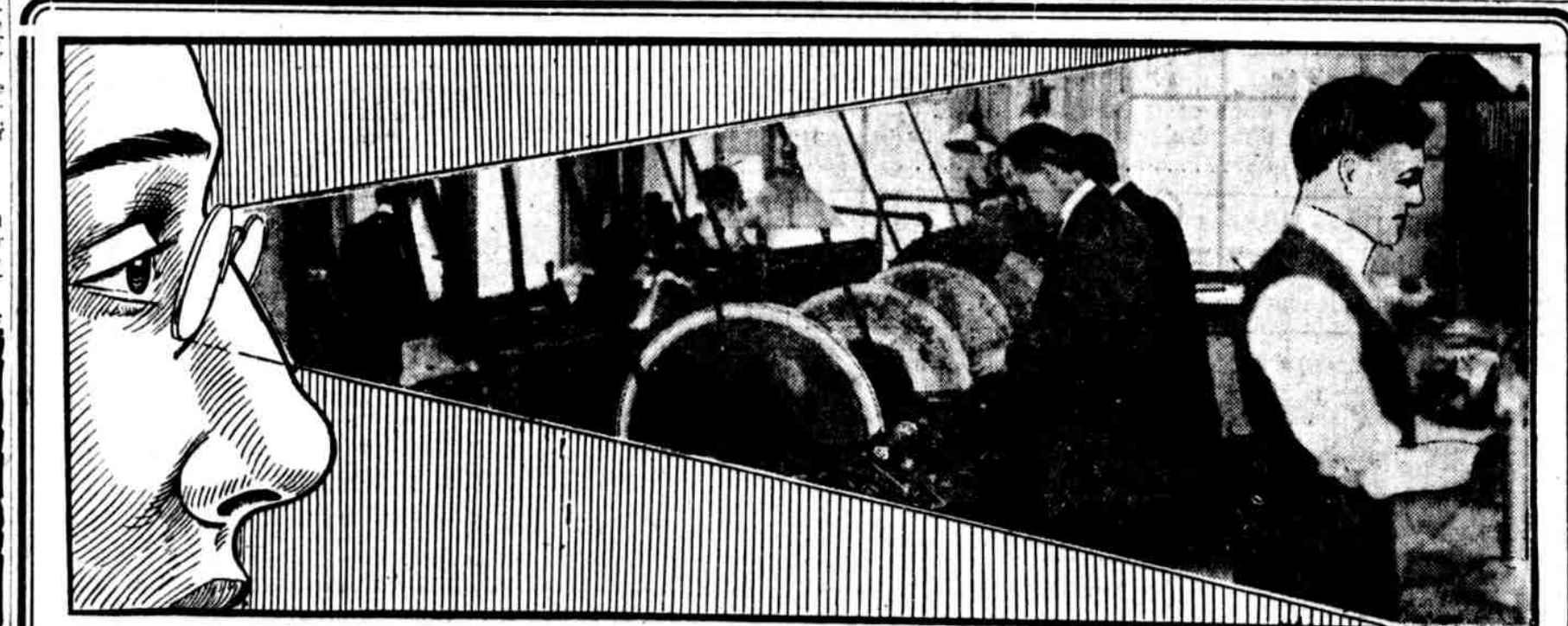
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